

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Application**

Claims 2-30, 33-61, and 64-99 are all the claims pending in the application.

The following claims have been withdrawn from consideration: 3, 5, 10-12, 16-20, 23, 25-26, 34, 36, 41-43, 47-51, 54, 56-57, 65, 67, 72-74, 78-82, 85, 87, and 88. Claims 2-30, 33-61, 64-99 are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicant is adding new claims 100-102.

**New Claims**

The new claims 100-102 recite similar limitations to claims 2, 21, 33, 52, 64 and 83. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 100-102 are also allowable for reasons analogous to claims 2, 21, 33, 52, 64 and 83.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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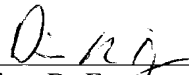
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